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Weekly Coal Production

Production for Week Ended:
June 4, 1988



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Summary

U.S. coal production in the week ended June 4, 1988, as estimated by the Energy Information Administration, totaled 16.0 million short tons. This was 11.6 percent lower than production in the previous week due to the Memorial Day holiday, and was 13.9 percent lower than production in the corresponding week of 1987, which did not include a holiday.

Cumulative production through May 1988 is 7.2 percent higher than in the same period in 1987. Most of this growth results from higher production in six states - Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia in the East and Wyoming, Montana, and New Mexico in the West.

A major factor in the growth of production, especially in the West, is the extended drought affecting the northwestern U.S., and the southeastern and some midwestern states. Low streamflow in those regions

has depressed hydroelectric output and increased the demand for coal at fossil-fuel power plants.

Much of the 10.9 million short tons production gain in Wyoming is due to the hydroelectric shortfall. Montana, with production up 5.3 million short tons from last year, registered an all-time record for 1987 due to the increased demand at electric power plants as well as the positive response of producers to the proposed lowering of state severance taxes if certain production goals were attained. Even New Mexico, apparently remote from the drought areas, has benefitted because of increased power generation at nearby coal-fired power plants that ship electricity to California, which normally obtains some power from hydroelectric plants in the Northwest. The three Eastern states have experienced growth in demand, mostly for electric power generation, but also for industrial consumption.

Figure 1. Coal Production

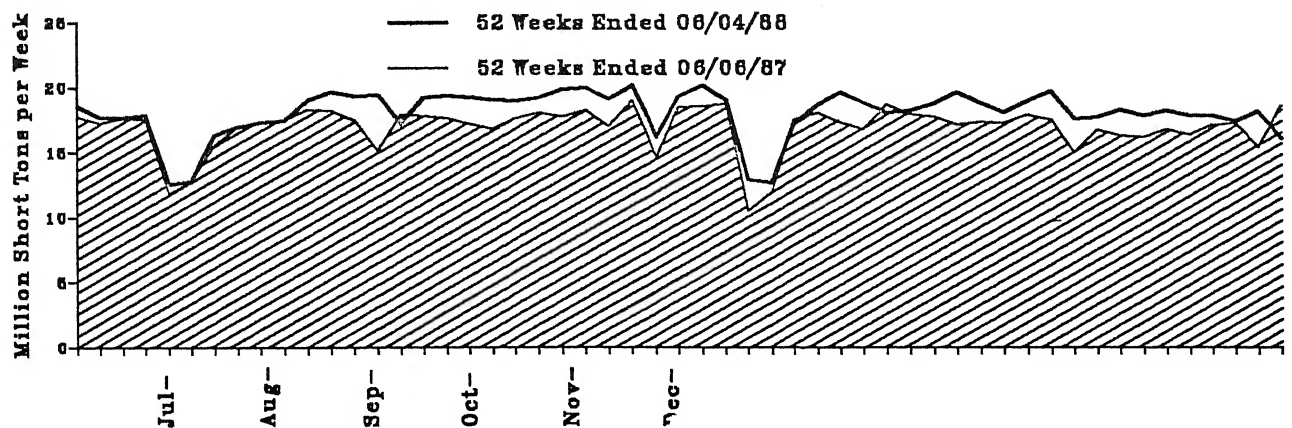


Table 1. Coal Production

Production and Carloadings	Week Ended			52 Weeks Ended		
	06/04/88	05/28/88	06/06/87	06/04/88	06/06/87	Percent Change
Production (Thousand Short Tons)						
Bituminous ¹ and Lignite	15,943	18,024	18,507	932,860	874,560	6.7
Pennsylvania Anthracite	73	99	88	4,325	4,224	2.4
U.S. Total	16,016	18,123	18,595	937,185	878,785	6.6
Railroad Cars Loaded	106,125	120,155	121,238	6,026,560	5,591,238	

¹Includes subbituminous coal.

Notes: 1987 and 1988 data are preliminary. Total may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding .

Sources: Association of American Railroads, Transportation Division, Weekly Statement CS-54A; Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-6, "Coal Distribution Report" and State mining agency coal production reports.

Table 2. Coal Production by State
(Thousand Short Tons)

Region and State	Week Ended		
	06/04/88	05/28/88	06/06/87
Bituminous Coal ¹ and Lignite			
East of the Mississippi	9,531	11,366	12,054
Alabama	419	463	517
Illinois	1,011	1,209	1,232
Indiana	535	690	733
Kentucky	2,539	2,894	3,384
Kentucky, Eastern	1,842	2,099	2,432
Kentucky, Western	697	795	952
Maryland	40	46	57
Ohio	560	698	746
Pennsylvania Bituminous	1,315	1,762	1,453
Tennessee	102	117	107
Virginia	783	901	1,010
West Virginia	2,227	2,585	2,815
West of the Mississippi	6,412	6,658	6,453
Alaska	28	31	31
Arizona	200	226	279
Arkansas	2	2	3
Colorado	258	256	296
Iowa	7	8	13
Kansas	26	29	36
Louisiana	54	71	67
Missouri	72	82	98
Montana	689	690	539
New Mexico	399	377	353
North Dakota	436	441	455
Oklahoma	52	60	55
Texas	737	833	970
Utah	309	345	363
Washington	83	94	103
Wyoming	3,059	3,113	2,793
Bituminous ¹ and Lignite Total	15,943	18,024	18,507
Pennsylvania Anthracite	73	99	99
U.S. Total	16,016	18,123	

¹Includes subbituminous coal.

Notes: 1987 and 1988 data are preliminary. Total may not equal sum of components because of rounding.
Sources: Association of American Railroads, Transportation Division, Weekly Statement of Coal Shipments; Bureau of Economic Analysis, Form EIA-6, "Coal Distribution Report" and State mining agency reports.

Table 3. Coal Production by State: May 1988
(Thousand Short Tons)

Region and State	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987	Year to Date		
				1988	1987	Percent Change
Bituminous Coal ¹ and Lignite						
East of the Mississippi	46,853	46,822	45,786	239,699	232,772	3.0
Alabama	1,967	1,963	2,119	10,518	10,542	-.2
Illinois	5,006	5,055	4,764	25,786	24,669	4.5
Indiana	2,731	2,790	2,674	13,677	13,298	2.8
Kentucky	12,313	12,822	12,478	65,852	63,400	3.9
Kentucky, Eastern	8,931	9,311	8,967	48,298	44,871	7.6
Kentucky, Western	3,382	3,511	3,511	17,554	18,529	-5.3
Maryland	200	209	186	1,082	1,516	-28.6
Ohio	2,797	2,708	2,744	14,095	14,871	-5.2
Pennsylvania Bituminous	6,712	5,808	5,992	28,946	29,093	-.5
Tennessee	483	483	454	2,527	2,549	-.9
Virginia	3,716	3,743	3,287	19,591	17,003	15.2
West Virginia	10,928	11,242	11,088	57,625	55,831	3.2
West of the Mississippi	27,177	29,553	24,470	147,925	128,913	14.7
Alaska	129	133	117	699	533	31.0
Arizona	929	955	638	5,102	4,017	27.0
Arkansas	7	7	10	31	32	-3.4
Colorado	1,001	1,154	1,153	5,829	5,810	.3
Iowa	31	33	49	174	210	-16.9
Kansas	120	127	136	665	721	-7.8
Louisiana	292	253	244	1,220	1,139	7.1
Missouri	336	351	368	1,711	1,888	-9.3
Montana	2,886	3,472	2,027	17,030	11,763	44.8
New Mexico	1,634	1,584	1,658	8,308	6,931	19.9
North Dakota	1,785	1,932	1,762	9,923	10,042	-1.2
Oklahoma	226	233	262	1,176	1,064	10.6
Texas	3,421	3,607	3,657	19,514	19,993	-2.4
Utah	1,356	1,485	1,376	7,699	6,978	10.3
Washington	386	398	388	2,010	1,811	11.0
Wyoming	12,638	13,830	10,625	66,834	55,982	19.4
Bituminous ¹ and Lignite Total	74,030	76,376	70,256	387,624	361,685	7.2
Pennsylvania Anthracite	372	333	333	1,674	1,497	11.8
U.S. Total	74,403	76,708	70,589	389,298	363,182	7.2

¹ Also includes subbituminous coal.

Note: 1987 and 1988 data are preliminary. Total may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

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